

Petroleum, Chemical and Petrochemical Investment Regions (PCPIR) was constituted to enable quick and coordinated decision making and to provide an appropriate policy framework for the development of investment regions of requisite scale and level of facilities, with the involvement of world class developers and investors, in the field of petroleum, chemicals and petrochemicals. The policy is at the draft stage. The issues would be considered only in terms of the final Policy.

Construction of Bhopal Gas Tragedy Memorial

†2603. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the date on which the decision to construct Bhopal Gas Tragedy Memorial was taken and the amount sanctioned therefor by Government;

(b) whether the design of the memorial has been selected;

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Government for immediate construction of the memorial;

(d) the estimated quantity of chemical waste currently dumped in the Union Carbide premises; and

(e) by when the waste would be removed and the reasons for its non-removal so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) The decision to construct a Bhopal Gas Tragedy Memorial was taken by the State Government of Madhya Pradesh on 1st December, 2004. The Planning Commission, Government of India has approved one time additional central assistance of Rs. 10.00 crore for this purpose, to be provided during 2006-07 to the Government of Madhya Pradesh.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The State Cabinet Sub-Committee has approved the conceptual plan for construction of Bhopal Gas Tragedy Memorial.

(d) and (e) The estimated quantity of wastes lying at the Union Carbide Plant site is approximately 376 MT. The High Court of Madhya Pradesh has constituted a Task Force for monitoring the process of the removal

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of the chemical wastes lying in and around the UCIL premises while hearing the Public Interest Litigation (PIL) filed in Writ Petition No. 2802 of 2004 in the High Court. The High Court is regularly monitoring the progress made by the Task Force and has issued necessary directions to the Madhya Pradesh Pollution Control Board and Government of Madhya Pradesh.

Task Force on PCPIR

2604. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Task Force on Petroleum, Chemicals and Petrochemicals Investment Regions (PCPIR) was constituted to enable quick and coordinated decision making and to provide an appropriate policy frame-work for the development of investment regions in the field of petroleum, chemicals and petrochemicals;

(b) whether they have submitted to Government any policy frame-work on this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) to (c) A Task Force on Petroleum, Chemical and Petrochemical Investment Regions (PCPIR) was constituted to enable quick and coordinated decision making and to provide an appropriate policy framework for the development of investment regions of requisite scale and level of facilities, with the involvement of world class developers and investors, in the field of petroleum, chemicals and petrochemicals. The policy is at the draft stage and is under the consideration of Group of Ministers.

Subsidy of fertilizers

2605. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of annual subsidy sanctioned by the Central Government and what is its quantum per bag/KG etc., fertilizer-wise;